



## THE FARMERS TALK TO FARMERS

### IDLE TALK IS NOT JUST OR PROFITABLE

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)  
"Don't never prophesy unless ye know," said Josh Billings. This would be a very good lesson for some of our volunteer weather-forecasters and some few professional "forecasters" also—to meditate upon in the silent watches of the night. But it suggests to me, just at this time, the formulation of another text, exactly like Josh's with the exception of one word.

"Don't never criticize unless ye know." The fact that criticism without knowledge is about the commonest form of conversation doesn't make it any the more excusable. Popularity of a vice is no defense of its viciousness. Merely because one's neighbors all do it affords no reason why you or I should do it.

"Other men's failures will never save you," sang the old hymn; nor will the plea that others are equally guilty serve as a cloak to cover and excuse one's own shortcomings. It is not the conduct of others but our own conduct—our's and mine—which must meet and face the white light of judgment.

Fashion and convention may sway Mrs. Grundy's opinions, but they have no bearing, even on the final questions of practical morals.

"Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practise the same things."

At least, that was Paul's idea. And Paul had a pretty level head, to say nothing about being a canonized saint and an inspired preacher. Let us all suppose the talent that we all commit exactly the same follies and sins as those we criticize in others. But that we are just as badly given to folly and sin and just as constant in our practice of both. We may not be in the same mud-puddle but we're reasonably sure to be in one quite as dirty. We may not be able to see the mire plastered on our own backs, but others can—and do.

It is not for the pot to call the kettle black. Nor, even on the lowest ground of mere policy, is it wise for those who live in glass houses to throw stones through their neighbors' windows.

It is the habit of indiscriminate criticism is worse than an offense against policy; it is a violation of common fairness and a flouting of common justice.

Let us not talking about the actions of neighbors as towards each other, and involving mutual interests. Such actions on the part of John Jones affecting John Farmer's interests are proper matters of discussion between Jones and Farmer, of debate and agreement, if possible, of arbitration or voluntary decision. But the indiscriminate talking of Jones' management of his own affairs—business, agricultural, domestic, or what-not.

What earthly right has John Farmer, or any other man or woman, to judge or even criticize Jones' action in such matters, unless he first knows every whit as much about all the circumstances and all the difficulties and all the purposes surrounding and governing Jones as Jones does himself?

For years the curious "lazines" of Henry Marks had been the theme of conversation on the part of some of his neighbors. He "puttered around" more or less, to be sure, but

James himself doesn't farm it as some of his neighbors think he should. He continues to use some rather odd and old-fashioned tools which the rest of us have discarded as out-of-date and supplanted with more modern inventions. But, before we criticize him for that, we would have to know whether he could afford to throw away the old ones and buy new ones, and even poorer crops, in order to keep his boys at school and help the oldest girl through her normal course, if he is doing something like that, say, in which of our mouths does it lie to criticize him?

Sometimes he does mighty foolish things, too, in the way of setting up croquet. That is to say, they seem mighty foolish to us who look on from outside his line of fence. Well, I've done some mighty foolish things during the few and evil days of my pilgrimage.

And so have you, dearly beloved. What is strongly to the point, we both know it, too; both you and I. Perhaps Jones thought so, when we were doing it, and had the grace to keep his thought to himself, without blighting it out for everybody to hear.

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hasn't more or less often made a fool of himself. Generally those who have are such as Nature did the job for at the outset, so completely that there's no room left for doing it over again!

The very fact that a man can make a fool of himself, occasionally, proves that he wasn't wholly a fool at the start-off.

Wherefore, being all more or less infected with the scab, we shall be doing better to scratch ourselves as opportunity offers, rather than the Joneses and the other neighbors.

"I take it our business is to mind our business," said the canny McRimmon of Kipling's story. There certainly is enough of it to keep up all wholesomely busy without adventuring cross lots on to any neighbor's demesne.

Let us have any reference to our friends of the city it is one of the

surest things in the world that the "rural deesticks" would be some-what happier places to live in if the residents thereof would spend more time in keeping sticks out of their own eyes and less in talking about the noses in their neighbors'.

"People will talk," you say, "and we can't stop 'em." Perhaps, but we can stop ourselves. And every man who thoroughly reforms himself has taken the one first step which the whole in his power towards reforming the world.

"Charity begins at home." And so does some other things. When you and I have made our farms and our homes and our characters so specklessly and immaculately perfect that no criticism can flock them, then, and not till then, will come any call to us to begin reforming our neighbors.

THE FARMER.

## NEW LONDON'S POLITICAL GOSSIP

Conceded That Both Parties Have Named Strong Candidates

For State Senate—Possibility of a New Charity Commissioner—Those Mentioned For Representatives.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

New London, Oct. 6.—It makes no difference which party wins out in the coming election, so far as the state senate is concerned for the Eighteenth senatorial district in the 1917 general election, the candidates named by a New Londoner that can fill the position to the full satisfaction of the people of the district, regardless of party affiliation. No two men were ever nominated for the same political office whose qualifications and experience are more evenly balanced than those of Frank Q. Cronin, republican, and James R. May, democrat, the senatorial candidates.

Mr. May was representative from New London in the legislature of 1913 and he served on one of the most important committees, attended every session of the legislature, and had fully as much influence as any other member of the body, and was ever on the alert for the best interests of his constituency. Mr. Cronin served in the legislature of 1915 and was a member of the same committee as Mr. May, and was just as truthfully said of Mr. Cronin.

Both are comparatively young men, both were born in New London, both received education in the public schools of their native city, both have always resided here and both are equally popular and both are personal friends of each other. Mr. Cronin is a lawyer, while Mr. May is a successful business man. It is in the nature of things, since they both with New London comprise the senatorial district, has been privileged to name the senator, although to utter his name by Gorton, the recent caucus. Postmaster Bryan F. Mahan represented the district in 1912, Alderman John T. Miner in 1913 and Lucius H. Whiton in 1915. Although the district has been represented by a democrat in two of the three sessions named, still the district is conceded to be republican by a substantial majority.

The democrats elected an alderman in three of the five wards in the city election but that is no indication that the city is republican, as is clearly demonstrated by the large republican majorities in the other five wards. In the city election, the democrats won over two hundred in the city, and on a very tight vote at that. In the first three and fourth wards, the democrats worked, and worked hard to get out the party vote and won with close votes in the first and third wards, where the republican committee put in some work, but down in the fourth ward, heretofore noted for the activity of the republican workers and with winning results, these workers "laid down" and a democrat was elected by a large majority. The republican nominee was a bright young Italian, a property owner and taxpayer and thoroughly American in every particular. He deserved the hearty support of his party which he did not receive. The court of common council still remains republican.

Mrs. Henry Ray, of Harland road, lost a resident of Norwich Town, and Thursday night at the Sheltering Arms where she had been for the past four years a helpless invalid. She was always cheerful and uncomplicated and was a patient sufferer. Mrs. Ray was well known to those who

There is some side talk to the

effect that the present charity commissioner is not over-anxious of reappointment as the duties are getting to be too exacting and that he is physically able to do all that is expected of him by the charity committee. Last year he was allowed an assistant but this was taken away from him at the commencement of his present term of office and in consequence he has been over-worked. In the event that the present incumbent is not to be considered a candidate, there is no doubt that Mr. George Goss, a democrat, will be named as his successor. Mr. Goss is conceded to be the best commissioner that ever filled the office and there are republicans in the council, comizant of Mr. Goss' special fitness for the office, who favor taking the charity commission out of politics.

The man who will represent in part this city in the senate of Connecticut and his name sounds like Frank Q. Cronin, but there is a May or May not in the sound. But the nominees for representatives are yet to be named, as far as the members of both principal political parties are concerned everybody, save perhaps a few aspiring would-be candidates, would be satisfied with Henry H. Bond and Philip Z. Hankey, the republican and William A. Holt and William C. Fox, the democratic nominees. If these gentlemen will come right out and declare that they will accept the nominations will be handed out to them with no question for these important positions now rests entirely with that committee of twenty-five, which is made up of a delegation of five from each ward in the city to the recent convention that nominated the candidates for the several city offices, except aldermen, these being nominated in each ward when the aforesaid delegates were chosen. In any event the representatives from New London will be new in the legislative game, and it is some game when played to the limit.

Miss Katherine Murray of West Town street has been spending the week with friends in New London.

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William H. Durfee Elected Tax Collector—Wedding Anniversary Celebrated—Business in Probate Court.

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Council Meets.

The town council met at the town hall Monday afternoon. William H. Durfee was elected tax collector at a compensation of two hundred dollars, he was the only bidder at the following named persons were elected supervisors of election to serve Nov. 7th next: Voting District No. 1, Edwin R. Allen and Henry J. Wheeler; republican, Edward Murray and Michael McGinn, democrat; District No. 2, Albert S. Babcock and George E. Allen, republican; Charles H. Brown and Mallory O. Maine, democrat. Bills were ordered paid to the amount of \$1,253.41.

Probate Court Business.

The first and final accounts of Elmer E. Kenyon administrator on the estates of Mary P. Palmer and Jeremiah K. Sherman were allowed and ordered recorded and distribution of balance in hands of the administrator ordered in each case.

The will of Mercy Collins was proved and ordered recorded and Addie Collins was appointed executrix. The inventories of the estate of John Cautelin and Caroline Cautelin were received and ordered recorded. The first and final account of Mary A. V. Hill, administratrix on the estate of John Hill, deceased, was referred to Nov. 6th, next, with order of notice.

The will of Thomas A. Worden, deceased, was proved, allowed and ordered recorded. The estate of the deceased was confirmed and executor, notice thereon being waived by all parties concerned.

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Village Miscellaneous.

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## SISTER'S WARM COAT LOOKS LIKE THIS



So Playful

Bottle green velvet lined and interlined gives this cozy coat for two girls. The skirt is smocked on the yoke, but what makes the garment entirely delightful is a bit of dyed rabbit skin around the neck.

came to the Schoolhouse Club, was industrious and a good neighbor. She was born in Dublin and came when a young woman to New York, then after a few years to Norwich, where she married Henry Ray, who survives her.

Twice Promoted.

Robert Story of Okobando avenue returned on the ship Itasca from a trip to the Maine coast, and this week spent several days in Gardner's Bay on the ship. He has been promoted twice and will be quartermaster at Fort Trumbull this winter.

To Teach in Hackensack.

James Murray of West Town street has left for Hackensack, N. J., where he is a member of the faculty of the Newman school.

Local Jottings.

Charles Browning of Plain Hill is having his silo filled.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parkhurst have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Stott of Plain Hill.

Mrs. George Rooney has returned to her home on West Town street after two weeks' visit in Hartford.

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ill at her home on Knight street, Ashaway.

Edmund T. Smith is moving his household goods from Maple Court, Ashaway, to the house he recently purchased on Palmer street, Ashaway.

A large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Charles R. Kenyon, at Hopkinton City last Saturday evening to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon.

The ladies of the First Seventh Day Baptist church served their first supper of the season in the parish house, Tuesday evening. Readings were given after the supper by Mrs. Muriel of Westerly and there was in addition music.

The assessors' lists of taxes for 1916 have been filed in the office of the town clerk and copies are being prepared for the collector and printer.

SUNDAY SUBJECTS.

The Holiness Mission holds services at 87 Main street.

At the Sheltering Arms a service will be conducted by Rev. H. T. Arnold.

At the Christian Science Reading Room in the Thayer building, Franklin square, the topic will be Sin Disease and Death Real?

At the Broadway Congregational church the pastor will preach in the morning and at five o'clock. The afternoon subject is Patriotism Not Provincialism.

At Trinity Episcopal church there will be holy communion at 9.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 10.30 a. m., and evening prayer and address at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. Samuel H. Howe, D. D., pastor of Park Congregational church, will preach at both the morning service and the vesper service at 4.30 o'clock at the church.

At the Greenville Congregational church, Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "What is Involved in Being a Good Citizen?" The Sunday school meets at noon.

At Christ Episcopal church there will be holy communion at 9.30 a. m., morning prayer, holy baptism and a sermon by Rev. R. R. Graham at 10.30 o'clock. Sunday school will be held at noon.

At the First Congregational church there will be preaching at the morning service on "In His Steps," by the pastor, Rev. George H. Ewing. The meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be held at 6.30 o'clock.

At Trinity M. E. church, Rev. F. W. Coleman, pastor, the morning topic will be "Selected for Service." In the evening the pastor will preach on "Dying to Live." This will be Rally Day in the Sunday school.

At the Second Congregational church there will be morning worship with sermon and hymns for the children, Sunday school at noon, and an evening service with a special subject, prayer will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Rev. J. W. Areson, rector of Grace church, Yantic, will officiate at the services on Sunday. There will be celebration of holy communion and a sermon at 10.45 o'clock, and the topic will not be resumed until Sunday, Oct. 16.

There will be preaching morning and evening at Grace Memorial Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Harris. Sunday school will be held at noon and the Union League in the afternoon. The programme will be in charge of Miss M. Ruby Epps.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Universalist, Rev. Joseph F. Cobb, pastor, this church will have the subject, "The Spirit of the Age." There will be Sunday school at noon, a meeting of the Y. P. C. U. at 6.30 o'clock, and how to Get the Most Out of the Y. P. C. U.

At the Baltic Methodist Episcopal church, the pastor, Rev. Charles Smith, will conduct services morning and evening. There will be a session of the Sunday school at noon, a meeting of the Junior League at 5 o'clock and a meeting of the Epworth League at 6 o'clock.

The Circles of Providence will be the subject at the morning service at the First Baptist church, Rev. George Henry Strouse, pastor. There will be Sunday school at noon. A meeting of the B. Y. P. U. at 6.30 o'clock and evening service will be Progress by Crisis.

At the McKinley Avenue A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. E. George Biddle, pastor, there will be a preaching service at 11 a. m., a session of the Sunday school at noon, and a prayer and prayer service in the evening. This will be the Bishop Asbury anniversary and the topic will be Methodist Pioneers.

Sunday will be observed as Rally Day at the Taftville Congregational church. The morning topic will be "The Gathering of the Clans." In the evening the topic will be "The Consecration of Our Gifts." The Bible school rally will be held at noon with an address by Secretary Edwin Hill of the Norwich Y. M. C. A.

At the Federated church, Rev. A. W. Burdett, pastor, there will be morning and evening services at the usual hours. Sunday school will be

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held at noon and a meeting of the Junior C. E. society at 3 o'clock. The C. E. meeting will be held at 6.30 o'clock. The subject for the evening will be "The Devil in an Uprar."

subject, Why Doesn't God Stop the War? Sunday school Rally at noon. Miss M. Sumner will speak. The young people's meeting will be at 6.30 p. m.

From the Consular Reports.  
At least 95,000 women and girls in Haiti wear the "mochair tete" or head handkerchief. Solid reds, yellows, orange, purple and black are the favorites in the silk.  
Russia has fixed the maximum price for men's high shoes at from \$2.1 to \$7.12, black shoes being cheaper than the colored.  
War has had a particularly injurious effect on Russia's silk industry.  
Probably Will.  
We're a \$2,000,000,000 country maybe, but don't let congress think that. It's a \$4,000,000,000 country next time.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.  
Man Who Knows.  
Of all men in the country Josephus must know best when a target it hit.—New York Sun.  
When a man dies who owes money to everybody he has many mourners at his funeral.

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